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SUBJECT: WEST BANK PRESS REACTION TO EXTENSION OF ISRAELI
SERVICES

1. SUMMARY. THE WEST BANK PRESS HAS INTERPRETED
THE GOI DECISION TO EQUALIZE SERVICES IN THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS A FIRST STEP IN A POLICY
OF DE FACTO ANNEXATION. INCREASED TAXES ANTI-
CIPATED. PEACE PROSPECTS SEEM DIMMED. AMERICAN'S
REACTION TO ISRAELI "DEFIANCE" AWAITED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE WEST BANK ARABIC PRESS AUGUST 15 WAS
UNANIMOUSLY NEGATIVE IN EVALUATING THE GOI CABINET
DECISION TO EQUALIZE SERVICES TO THE INHABITANTS
OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. "A NEW STEP TO
ALTER THE STATUS QUO OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA." (AL QUDS)
"THE DECISION CREATES DOUBTS AND FEARS FOR THE CITIZENS."
(AL SAJR)

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3. IN ITS EDITORIAL, AL QUDS INTERPRETS THE DECISION AS
AN ATTEMPT TO "ANNEX THE LAND WITHOUT ITS INHABITANTS."
DISMISSING ISRAELI ASSURANCES TO THE CONTRARY, AL QUDS
CHARACTERIZES THE DECISION AS THE FIRST STEP IN THE DE
FACTO ANNEXATION OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA, EFFECTIVELY
CHANGING OR ANNULLING LAWS NOW IN FORCE AND INEVITABLY ENTAILING

INCREASED TAXATION.

4. ALONG THE SAME LINES, AL FAJR SEES THE ISRAELI DECISION AIMED, IN PART, AT DESTROYING ANY FRUITS OF PLO FLEXIBILITY SHOULD IT ACCEPT A MODIFIED RESOLUTION 242, AS HAS BEEN MOOTED.

5. BOTH PAPERS SEE THE DECISION AS A BLOW TO AMERICAN PEACE EFFORTS AND AN ISRAELI CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. "THE DECISION IS VERY DANGEROUS, AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW THE ARABS AND AMERICANS REACT AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT WILL AFFECT AMERICA'S ALREADY SHAKY PEACE EFFORTS." (AL QUDS) "ARABS WHO CLING TO THE AMERICAN HORSE SHOULD LEARN A LESSON NOW THAT IT IS CONFRONTED WITH AN ISRAELI REJECTION FENCE TOO HIGH FOR EVEN IT TO LEAP." (AL FAJR).
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